### AHOSKIE KIWANIS CLUB HAS SECTIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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Information RTWARNE CLUB  $B_F$ , N. S. GARRETT In Februray, 1925, a few of the business and professional men in Ahoskie, realizing the great need for a civic organiza-tion, banded themselves together and began working towards that end, contacting persons in Ahoskie and surrounding towns for their ideas and cooperation. As they worked, more men were added to the list. They decided to join Kiwanis International. They completed the organization of a Kiwanis Club with a membership of forty-six, and the Charter was presented to the Club at a meeting held August 17, 1925, at Chowan College.

Chowan College. The following were the Club's first officers: Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, President; N. S. Garrett, Secretary; and J. L. Sawyer, Treasurer. All members were from the Roanoke Chowan section,

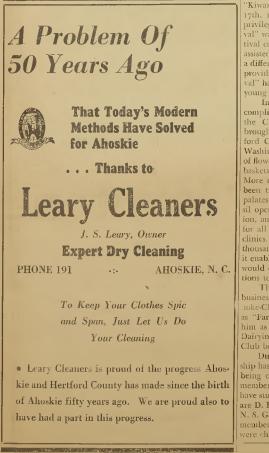
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the education of these four girls through their four years at

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Itwenty-five from Ahoskie, four from Aulander, two from Colerain, ome from Gatesville, eight from Murfreesbor, two from Powellsville, three from Winton, and one from Woodland.
Following the organization of the Club, and the accomplishment of worth-while things for the community, other members were added, bringing the membership up to litty-six. One of its first objectives was a large post office for the next four years, the giving of four scholarships to worthy girls at Chowan College, one from each of the lour countier persented in the Club –Hertford, Bertie, Northampton and Gates—at a total cost of \$1.600.00, payable \$400.00 per year. The entire membership of the Club took much interest in the rest four years, the giving of four scholarships to worthy girls at chowan College, one from each of the lour countier represented in the Club-Hertford, Bertie, Northampton and Gates—at a total cost of \$1.600.00, payable \$400.000 per year. The entire membership of the Club took much interest in 1993. Work began investive the club's continuing objective.





IRA CASWELL AINSLEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Ainsley, was born at Stonewall, N. C., Decem-ber 1, 1907. After attending the public schools, he was graduated from the University of North Carolina, A. B. degree in Educa-tion.

taught in the Aboskie c, where he also served as le coach. On November 23, he married Miss Mary Ray-f Powellsville. Since giving iool work five years ago he rved as representative of a ter company.

lizer company. : is a member of the Chris-church. Elected as president ie Kiwanis Club, he is now ing in that capacity.

Chowan College. The members raised the first \$400.00, payable in the Fall of 1926 from private subscriptions and from funds on hand in the treasure.

PRESIDENT OF AHOSKIE KIWANIS CLUB

of 1920 from private subscriptions and from interest would be in the treasurer. In April, 1927, it was decided that more interest would be created if the club worked for the funds for these scholarships instead of paying for them out of the treasury. The result was the employment of C. S. Berryman, of Norfolk, Virginia, to coach and present a minstrel. It was shown three times, one night in Ahoskie, one at the Roxobel-Kelford school, and one night at Chowau College, More than \$1,200 was raised for the fund. the fund.

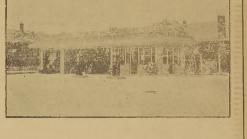
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locally in 1933, helping to get merchants and other business men to cooperate.
 In the Fall of that year the Club furnished school books for children whose parents were not able to buy them. This work gave the members so much satisfaction they voted underprivileged child work as the Club's continuing objective. The idea of a three-day "Kiwanis Festival" was born in 1934. Work began immediately with the result that the first "Kiwanis Festival" was held in Ahoskie, August 15, 16, and 17th, 1934, with the entire proceeds to be used for underprivileged child work. Two years later the "Kiwanis Festival" was made an annual event to be held in June. The Festival consisted of a carnival run by the members of the Club, assisted by the boys and girls of this section, a floor show with a different program each night, and ending with a dance, thus providing entertainment for all ages. The "Kiwanis Festival" has been worked up and improved on, until everybody, young and old alike, look forward to this annual event. In the fourteen years of the Club's existence it has accomplished much for the Roanoke-Chowan section. One year the Club helped sponsor a "Better Homes Week" that brought more than two thousand people to Ahoskie. Hertford County's outstanding Boy Club member was sent to Washington, D. C., for a week. As many as fifty-eight baskets of flowers have been sent to sick people in hospitals, and many baskets of foodstuff distibuted during the Christmas holidays. More than one hundred fifty underprivileged children have been treated and operated on for club feet, hairlips, cleft palates, plastic surgery, and scar tissue of face and eyes, tonsil operations, treating children with defective eyes and vision, and operating on cross-eyed children, furnishing glasses for all those who needed them, and having X-rays made in clinics. These treatments and operations have been worth thousands and thousands of dollars to these boys and girls, as it enables them to go through life without the handicaps they

Club boys. During the life of the Ahoskie Kiwanis Club the member-ship has varied; some of the members moving away, and some being claimed by death. Today the Club is active with a membership of thirty-three. Only six of the charter members have stuck with the Club throughout the fourteen years. They are D. P. Boyette, D. R. Britton, R. R. Copeland, A. J. Eley, N. S. Garrett and C. Greene. One interesting fact about the membership is that Dr. J. B. Ruffin and W. A. Tayloe, who were charter members, have sometime since retired from the (Continued on page 8)



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